

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 3, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"On November 8, 2004, approximately 500 Los Angeles County area school students from the Fourth Supervisorial District will attend the premiere opening of 'The Polar Express,' at the Norwalk AMC Theatres. An additional 300 elementary school students will be given the opportunity to meet the award winning author of 'The Polar Express,' Chris Van Allsburg, at the Cerritos Library on November 16, 2004. The students were part of the Operation Read Literacy Programs, 'Reading with a Purpose to Gain a Dream.' This Operation Read project is sponsored by Warner Brothers Studios, Houghton Mifflin Company, Chris Van Allsburg, Hyundai Motor America, the Lakers Youth Foundation, the National Education Association, 'Read Across America,' the Los Angeles County Probation Department, along with all other County departments who were instrumental in providing their services to inspire and promote the literacy program vision. The movie is being used as a motivational teaching tool to all elementary school students who participate."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed the week of November 8, 2004, as "Operation Read - The Polar Express Week" throughout Los Angeles County and urged all citizens who are movie-goers to attend the World premiere.

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